

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending and stand rejected. Please cancel claims 4-5 without prejudice to refiling.

The Final Office Action rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Applicant has cancelled claims 4 and 5 and requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

The Final Office Action rejected claims 1, 6, and 10 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph on the grounds that certain variables used in the claims were not defined. As Applicant understands the rejection in light of the remarks on page 3, § 4, the objection is that the variables S and V are not defined in the claims. If that is not the rejection, Applicant requests clarification. Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, and 10 to address this rejection as Applicant understands it. Applicant respectfully requests that this rejection be withdrawn in light of the amendment.

The Final Office Action rejected claims 4 and 5 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over United States Patent Application No. 6,578,032 (“Chandrasekar”) in view of United States Patent No. 7,384,009 (“Perrow”). Applicant has cancelled claims 4 and 5 and requests that this rejection be withdrawn.

SUMMARY

Applicant contends that the pending claims are in condition for allowance, which action is requested. Applicant does not believe any additional fees are necessary with the submitting of this response. Should any fees be required, Applicant requests that the fees be debited from deposit account number 50-4370.

Respectfully submitted,

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